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SUBJECT:VISIT OF DR. ERNST VOLGENAU, NRC

1. SUMMARY. DR. ERNST VOLGENAU, DIRECTOR, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT, WHO WILL ATTEND AND PRESENT A PAPER AT THE WORLD ELECTRO-TECHNICAL CONGRESS IN MOSCOW, JUNE 21-25, 1977, WOULD LIKE WHILE IN USSR TO VISIT AN OPERATING LIGHT WATER POWER REACTOR AND MEET WITH NUCLEAR SAFETY INSPECTION AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRI-FICATION AND THE STATE COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO REQUEST THESE VISITS, AND ADVISE OF THEIR RESPONSES.
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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT MAKSIMOV, DEPUTY MINISTER, MPE, AND PUSTINTSEV, SCAE, AND REQUEST APPOINTMENTS FOR DR. VOLGENAU TO MEET WITH THESE AND OTHER PERSONS LISTED BELOW TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
(1) PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING TO ENSURE THAT POWER REACTOR OPERATION COMPLIES WITH RULES OF SAFE OPERATION.

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(2) CURRENT OPERATING REACTOR DESIGN PROBLEMS THAT HAVE SAFETY IMPLICATIONS.
(3) IN ADDITION TO MAKSIMOV AND PUSTINTSEV, DR. VOLGENAU WOULD LIKE TO MEET A. N. GRIGORYANTS, DIRECTOR GLAVATOM-

ENERGO; YE. P. KARELIN, DIRECTOR, INSPECTION SERVICES, GLAVATOMENERGO; THE DIRECTOR, GOSATOMNADZOR; A.G. MESHKOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, SCAE. IF MAKSIMOV UNAVAILABLE, TROSHIN MAY HELP, AT MPE.
(4) THE POWER REACTOR WHICH DR. VOLGENAU WOULD PREFER TO VISIT IS THE LENINGRAD (SOSNOVYI BOR) PRESSURE TUBE BWR; SECOND CHOICE IS THE PWR AT NOVOVORONEZH.
(5) DR. VOLGENAU PLANS TO ARRIVE MOSCOW JUNE 18. HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE TRIP TO LENINGRAD BE AFTER, RATHER THAN BEFORE, THE CONGRESS. WE NOTE THERE ARE TOURS TO NON-NUCLEAR FACILITIES AT LENINGRAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONGRESS, AND THE VOLGENAU TRIP MAY BE SIMPLEST TO ARRANGE CONCURRENTLY WITH THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON THE ITINERARY.

6. PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT DR. VOLGENAU IS THE HEAD OF THE PROGRAM OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NRC. IF THE EXCHANGE OF TEAMS VISITS AND THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR SAFETY WITH NRC CAN BE WORKED OUT, VOLGENAU WILL BE ONE OF THE CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXCHANGE.
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